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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: Patent Application of Futoshi Tanigawa et al. : Group Art Unit: 1745
Conf. No.: 1498 :
Appln. No. 09/752,375 : Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo
Filed: December 29, 2000 :
For: PASTE TYPE POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR : Attorney Docket
ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND : No. 10059-365US
NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE : (P23917-01)
BATTERY :

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 4) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed in view of the Communication from the Patent Office dated October 29, 2002 (Paper No. 5), which extended the deadline for reply to January 29, 2003, and further in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (two months) to and including March 31, 2003 (March 29, 2003 being a Saturday).

Please amend the application without prejudice as follows, including the changes shown in the attached marked-up version:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13 to read as follows:

--1. (Amended) A paste type positive electrode for an alkaline storage battery containing a first active material and a second active material, wherein said first active material comprises X parts by weight of particulate nickel hydroxide with aX/100 parts by weight of

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